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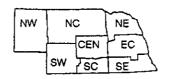
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WEATHER

Temperatures in the northwest averaged five degrees below normals while the temperatures in the remainder of the State averaged near or slightly above normals. Precipitation occurred the last half of the week with amounts varying from traces in the northwest up to nearly two inches in the central portion.

GENERAL

Favorable fall harvest weather last week enabled many producers to complete their harvest and proceed with fall tillage operations, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Producer activities included sunflower and corn harvest, shredding stalks, fall tillage operations, winterizing equipment, and livestock care. Weekend rains should benefit growing wheat and pastures.

CROPS

<u>Corn</u> harvest made good progress last week with the continuing good harvest weather conditions. As of Sunday, harvest was virtually

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complete with 99% picked. This compares with 88% complete last year and 90% for the five-year average. Many harvested fields were either being gleaned by livestock or being worked in preparation for next year's crop.

Winter wheat condition was rated at 17% fair, 77% good, and 6% excellent. Drier topsoil in several areas was stressing plants due to their shallow root systems which limited nutrient intake. Moisture is needed in most areas. Weekend rains should prove beneficial.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 89% of normal and compares with 101% last year. Cattle were gleaning stalk fields or being moved to stalk fields to glean crop residue. Weaned calves were being moved to backgrounding lots or auction markets. Supplemental feeding was necessary for cattle on some pastures and in some stalk fields with limited crop residue.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF NOVEMBER 20, 1994 % corn harvested		AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST	LAST	AVER-
		NW	NC	NE	С	EC	sw	SC	SE	STATE	WEEK	YEAR	AGE
		98	93	99	99	99	98	100	98	99	97	88	90
DAYS SUITA	BLE AND SOIL M	OISTURE	CONDI	CION AS	OF NOV	EMBER	18, 1994						
Days suitable		63	68	69	67	66	69	69	64	67	60	31	
Topsoil moisture - Short		17	30	38	43	22	13	33	67	31	17	0	
(Percent)	- Adequate	83	70	62	57	78	87	67	33	69	73	81	
,	- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	19	
Subsoil moisture - Short		50	13	5	29	13	50	17	44	22	19	1	
(Percent)	- Adequate	50	87	95	71	83	50	83	56	77	80	86	
` ,	- Surplus	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	1	13	

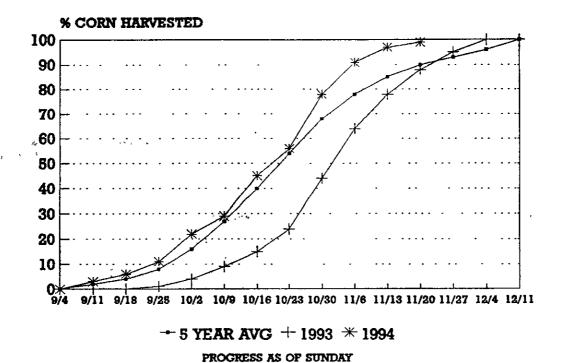
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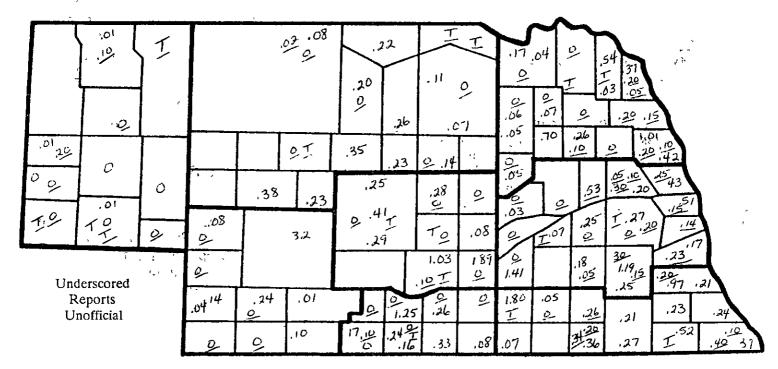
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1994



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1994

			Precipitation				
	Station	Extr	emes) (and	Departure 	Total Inches	
		Max	Min	Mean			
NW	Chadron	52	16	34		.01	
	Scottsbluff	50	16	31	-5	.01	
	Sidney	49	15	31		Т	
NC	Valentine	53	14	35	+2	.08	
NE	Norfolk	60	22	39	+4	.70	
	Sioux City	56	20	39	+3	.37	
CEN	Grand Island	65	18	39	+2	1.89	
	Ord ·	62	14	38		.28	
EC	Lincoln	59	17	39	+1	1.19	
	Omaha	56	24	41	+3	.51	
sw _,	Imperial	57	18	36		.04	
	North Platte	56	16	35	0	.32	